

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 17.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A vacuum cleaner comprising [an airflow path having] a dirty air inlet and a clean air outlet, a fan for drawing an airflow along [the] an airflow path from the dirty air inlet to the clean air outlet, a motor for driving the fan, separating apparatus for separating dirt and dust from the airflow, a pre-motor filter arranged upstream of the motor and a post-motor filter arranged downstream of the motor, wherein both the pre-motor filter and the post-motor filter are cylindrical filters.

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3. (Amended) A vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], wherein the pre-motor filter and the post-motor filter are each housed in a transparent casing.

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8. (Amended) A vacuum cleaner comprising [an airflow path having] a dirty air inlet and a clean air outlet, a fan for drawing an airflow along the airflow path from the dirty air inlet to the clean air outlet, a motor for driving the fan, separating apparatus for separating dirt and dust from the airflow, a pre-motor filter arranged upstream of the motor and a post-motor filter arranged downstream of the motor, wherein the post-motor filter is housed in a casing containing a plurality of slots or apertures, the slots or apertures forming the clean air outlet and being arranged such that, in use, the airflow is diffused as it leaves the clean air outlet.

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11. (Amended) A vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 8 [any one of claims 8 to 10], wherein the casing is transparent.

12. (Amended) A vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims], wherein the airflow is arranged to pass across or around the motor to provide cooling.

13. (Amended) A vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims], wherein the separating apparatus comprises [comprise] at least one cyclone.

14. (Amended) A vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 13, wherein the separating apparatus comprises [comprise] two concentric cyclones.

15. (Amended) A vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims], wherein the pre-motor filter and the post-motor filter are substantially the same size.

16. (Amended) A vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 15, wherein the pre-motor filter and the post-motor filter have substantially the same characteristics.

Please add the following new claims:

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17. A vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 8, wherein the airflow is arranged to pass across or around the motor to provide cooling.

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*19* A vacuum cleaner as claims in claim 8, wherein the separating apparatus comprises at least one cyclone.

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*20* A vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim *19*, wherein the separating apparatus comprises two concentric cyclones.

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*21* A vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 8, wherein the pre-motor filter and the post-motor filter are substantially the same size.

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*22* A vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim *21*, wherein the pre-motor filter and the post-motor filter have substantially the same characteristics.

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